

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 16 stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent and multiple dependent form. The amended claims address these objections. Support for the amended and new claims is found throughout the specification, for example, at page 3 (line 9), in Figures 1 and 2, and in Examples 1-6, such as at page 9 (lines 12-16). No new matter is added by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

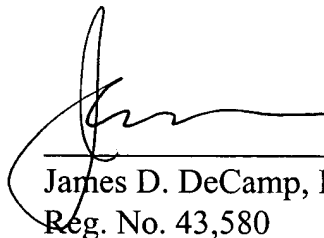
Applicants enclose a check for the newly added independent and dependent claims in the amount of \$43.00, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c).

Enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Office action for three months, to and including February 21, 2003.

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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